


REMARKS

In the office action dated December 23, 2003, claims 2, 3, 5, 7 – 35, and 37 – 81 were pending. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7 – 20, 22 – 30, 32 – 35, 37 – 42, and 44 – 81 were rejected. Claims 24, 31, and 43 were objected to and indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent format including any and all intervening claims. In response, Applicants are canceling claims 68 – 81. Further, Applicants are canceling claims 24, 31, and 43 and any intervening claims and incorporating their limitations into independent claims 2, 34, 66 and 67 and new independent claims 82 – 84. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims are now allowable and request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 1 (650) 843-3375. If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 05-0150.

Respectfully submitted,

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